

Message Text

PAGE 01 NATO 04663 022214Z

63

ACTION EUR-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 ACDA-19 SS-15 NSC-10 NSCE-00 SSO-00

USIE-00 INRE-00 CIAE-00 PM-07 INR-10 L-03 NEA-10

NSAE-00 PA-03 RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 TRSE-00 MBFR-04

SAJ-01 DRC-01 (ISO) W

----- 127120

O 022135Z OCT 73

FM USMISSION NATO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1892

SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T USNATO 4663

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, NATO

SUBJECT: MBFR: SECOND PHASE AND POST-REDUCTION CEILING

REF: STATE 194489

1. DURING SPC DISCUSSION OF OCTOBER 1-2 OF OLD PARA 16 (NEW PARAS 35-36), U.S. REP MADE PROPOSAL CONTAINED REFTEL. AFTER INITIAL REFUSAL TO ACCEPT SUGGESTION THAT HIS SENTENCE READING "REDUCED FORCES OF COUNTRIES WITHIN THE AREA SHOULD BE INACTIVATED AND PUT IN RESERVE STATUS," BE PLACED AS A FOOTNOTE, WILLOT, ON OCTOBER 2, RELUCTANTLY AGREED IN VIEW OF GENERAL LACK OF SUPPORT FROM OTHERS. HE RETAINED, HOWEVER, HIS BRACKETS AROUND "IT IS ANTICIPATED THAT" AND CONTINUED TO PROPOSE THAT "FURTHER" BE REPLACED BY "IN DETAIL."

2. WITH RESPECT TO BELGIAN-DUTCH PROPOSED SENTENCE ON POST-REDUCTION OVERALL COMMON CEILING, UK JOINED MOST OTHER EUROPEAN ALLIES IN SUPPORT OF THIS LANGUAGE, UK REP LOGAN SAID THAT LONDON HAS NOW COME AROUND TO BELGIAN-DUTCH "EUROPEAN" ARGUMENTS AND FINDS PERSUASIVE THEIR CASE FOR RETAINING MAXIMUM POSSIBLE FLEXIBILITY FOR EUROPEAN ALLIED FORCES POST-MBFR WITHIN AN OVERALL COMMON CEILING.

SECRET

PAGE 02 NATO 04663 022214Z

BELGIAN, ITALIAN AND DUTCH REPS, IN RESPONSE TO U.S. SUGGESTIONS, SAID THEY COULD AGREE TO HAVE THIS POSITION REENFORCED AS WELL IN THE GUIDELINES SECTION, BUT WOULD CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT IT BE RETAINED IN SECTION II. IF ANYTHING, THEY WOULD

PREFER THAT IT BE PUT UP HIGHER IN SECTION II, E.G. IN
PARA 22 OR PARA 24. U.S. REP THOUGHT THAT THE BEST AND
CLEAREST COURSE WOULD BE TO KEEP BELGIAN-DUTCH SENTENCE IN
BRACKETS AT END OF SECTION II.

3. COMMENT: WEHAVE THUS COME FULL CIRCLE ON THIS ISSUE, WITH
THE EXCEPTION THAT UK HAS ADDED IMPORTANT SUPPORT TO THIS
"EUROPEAN" PRINCIPLE. THIS IS PARTICULARLY SIGNIFICANT,
IN VIEW OF STRONG BRITISH RELUCTANCE THERETOFORE TO GET INTO
DETAILS ON STEPS BEYOND FIRST PHASE. MISSIONSEES LITTLE
POSSIBILITY OF BREAKING SOLID FRONT AND WOULD APPRECIATE
GUIDANCE SOONEST ON WHETHER WE CAN ACCEPT BELGIAN-DUTCH
PARAGRAPH, PERHAPS WITH SOME MODIFICATIONS TO MAKE IT LESS
DEFINITIVE, IN SECTION II. END COMMENT.

RUMSFELD

SECRET

<< END OF DOCUMENT >>

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptoning: X
Capture Date: 02 APR 1999
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: n/a
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 02 OCT 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: boyleja
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973NATO04663
Document Source: ADS
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: 11652 GDS
Errors: n/a
Film Number: n/a
From: NATO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731064/abqcecln.tel
Line Count: 72
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: n/a
Original Classification: SECRET
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: SECRET
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: STATE 194489
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: boyleja
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 14 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <14-Aug-2001 by elyme>; APPROVED <25-Sep-2001 by boyleja>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MBFR: SECOND PHASE AND POST-REDUCTION CEILING
TAGS: PARM, NATO
To: STATE
SECDEF
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005